

C o m m e n t

Number of slaughtered cattle went up by 1.5% year-on-year in 2008. Cattle slaughter in total amounted to 273.7 thous. heads. This amount included 46.9% of bulls, 0.1% of bullocks, 8.4% of heifers, 41.2% of cows and 3.4% of calves. Average live weight of cattle (incl. calves) decreased by 0.6% to 546.5 kg, average carcass weight went down by 0.6% to 292.4 kg year-on-year. For bulls for slaughter the average live weight went down by 0.1% to 619.4 kg, the average carcass weight decreased by 0.1% to 340.3 kg year-on-year.

Number of slaughtered pigs dropped by 6.8% to 3.6 million heads. This amount included 3.1% of sows and boars. Average live weight of pigs decreased by 0.2% to 113.7 kg, their carcass weight went down by 0.3% to 87.6 kg.

Meat production totaled 598 953 tonnes in carcass weight in 2008, which was less by 4.4% compared to the previous year. Meat production in total included 52.9% of pig meat, 13.3% of beef, 0,1% of veal, 33.7% of poultry meat. Production of pig meat decreased by 7.0%, while beef incl. veal production went up by 0.9% year-on-year. Production of poultry meat saw a year-on-year decrease by 2.0%.